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SUBJ: UN FINANCES: FIFTH COMMITTEE DISCUSSES BUDGET SECTION 22

AND HOLDS ELECTIONS TO ACABQ

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1. SUMMARY: AT 1746TH MEETING OCT 17, BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY REPS OF US, MEXICO, ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, MADAGASCAR AND UK IN GENERAL DEBATE ON SECTION 22. COMMITTEE THEN TOOK UP INDIVIDUAL PARTS: A (OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT AND UN PARTICIPATION IN JOINTLY FINANCED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES), B (ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE (AMS)), AND HEARD REPLIES TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING A BY LAVAU, AND B BY USG DAVIDSON; (INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE), AND D (ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SERVICES). TO FILL VACANCIES ON ACABQ (ITEM 103A), COMMITTEE ELECTED GARCIA DEL SOLAR (ARGENTINA) 95; ANATOLY V. GRODSKY (USSR) 87; DAVID L. SOTTLEMYER (US) 80V AND FUDOLF SCHMIDT (FRG) 76. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED REVISED PROGRAM OF WORK (A/C.5/L.1225/REV. 1). DRAFT DECISIONS CONTAINED IN A/C.5/L.1226, 1229, 1230, 1231 AND 1232 WILL BE CONSIDERED TOWARD THE END OF FIRST READING OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. BUDGET DIR LAVAU, IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN GENERAL DEBATE, INFORMED US IT IS POSSIBLE TO MEET GENEVA ELECTRONIC NEEDS WITHIN LIMITS OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE AND WITH PRESENT STAFF UNTIL 31ST GA, AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR UN OFFICE IN GENEVA TO GO BACK TO MANUAL TREATMENT OF DATA. HE ALSO SAID IT WAS MORE EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL TO RESORT TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AT INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING CENTER THAN TO CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES. ON OFFICE SPACE FOR OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES, NOTED

THAT ACABQ HAD CUT INCREASE IN POSTS FROM 150 TO 108 AND RECOMMENDED RENTALS BE REDUCED BY \$306,000. ON COMMUNICATIONS, SAID GENEVA IS PRINCIPAL RELAY CENTER, AND IT IS NECESSARY THAT NY AND GENEVA MEET INCREASING DEMANDS WITH MODERN MEANS, AND CALLED ATTENTION TO A/C.5/L.1540/REV. 1 OF 10/8/74 GIVING FORECAST FOR 1974-1983. ALSO ASSURED US THERE WOULD BE NO INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES UNDER ARABIC LANGUAGE SERVICES, COVERING 100 PERMANENT POSTS AT \$3.5 MILLION. ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO REDUCTION HAD BEEN MADE FOR DOWNGRADING NEW YORK IN INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE ITEM AND SAID THIS OMISSION WOULD BE RECTIFIED.

3. RE MEXICO'S REQUESTION ABOUT OVERALL CAPACITY OF UN INFO PROCESSING SYSTEM, SAID IT WENT FROM 14 HOURS PER DAY PLUS EMERGENCY USE OF ONE WEEKEND IN FOUR IN 1973 TO 20 HOURS PER DAY AND 55PERCENT OF WEEKENDS TO AVOID OVERTIME COSTS IN 1975, AND FROM TWO SHIFTS PER DAY TO FIVE; AND THERE IS INDICATION THAT WORKLOAD WILL INCREASE. RE ALGERIA'S QUESTION ON PERSONNEL AT NY CENTER, SAID 50 PERCENT IS USED BY ECOSOC, 6PERCENT BY CONFERENCE SERVICES, AND 20 PERCENT BY OTHERS, UNICEF, UNDP AND OTHERS ALSO PARTICIPATE. HE ALSO REASSURED ALGERIA AND ARGENTINA RE CONDITIONS OF OCCUPANCY OF NEW UNDC BUILDING. RE MADAGASCAR'S QUESTION ABOUT WAY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ARE REPRESENTED IN COMMON STAFF COSTS, SAID INFO ABOUT INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPEARS IN CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2; AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE COVERED BY THEIR OWN BUDGETS.

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4. ON PART A, OF SECTION 22 LAVAU AGREED WITH BELGIUM THAT PERHAPS UN SHOULD BEAR 1/4 RATHER THAN 1/3 OF COST OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (ICSC). SAID JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (JIU) STAFF COSTS ARE DOUBLING BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATES OF SWISS FRANC AND US DOLLAR. EXPLAINED THAT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS (CCAQ) IS SUBSIDIARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (ACC) WAS ESTABLISHED

IN 1947 TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS BY ACC AND TO ESTABLISH COMMON STANDARDS AMONG VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES OF UN, HARMONIZING PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. SAID ICSC REVISED ESTIMATES WOULD BE PRESENTED BY SYG NEXT MONTH.

ON PART B, OF SECTION 22, DAVIDSON SAID UN IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF AMS MERGING WITH INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE, AND WILL GIVE REPORT NEXT YEAR. HE ALSO SAID REASON FOR OUTPOSTING SOMEONE FROM AMS TO GENEVA WAS TO TACKLE PROBLEMS AS THEY AROSE WITHOUT EXPENSE OF FREQUENT TRAVEL; IT WAS BEING DONE ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FOR TWO YEARS, OUTPOSTING ONE P-4. HE ALSO SAID THAT CHIEF OF AMS MEETS WITH MEMBERS OF JIU IN MARCH OR APRIL TO LOOK OVER WOEk PROGRAMS, STUDIES, AND RESEARCH EITHER UNDERWAY OR ANTICIPATED TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK. REGARDING BELGIAN COMMENT THAT AMS DOES NOT PRODUCE, DAVIDSON SAID ITS ORIGINAL MANDATE WAS TO STUDY MANPOWER UTILIZATION IN UN SECRETARIAT, WHICH IT HAS DONE AND SUPPLIED ACABQ WITH INFO FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMITTEE FIVE. IT IS NOW MOVING INTO ANOTHER PHASE--MANAGEMENT CONSULTATNT SERVICE TO ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE, EXAMINING PROBLEMS IN VARIOUS UNITS AND GIVING OBJECTIVE ADVICE. FURTHER, DAVIDSON SAID, IF AMS WERE ABOLISHED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REPLACE IT WITH A SIMILAR UNIT.

5. FOR COVERAGE OF SECTIONS C&D OF SECTION 22 AND ACABQ ELECTIONS, SEE SUMMARY ABOVE.  
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